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DEPT FOR ARA AND SY

CARACAS FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, PFOR, TD, US
SUBJECT: TRINIDAD GOVERNMENT OPPOSES ASSIGNMENT OF MARINE
SECURITY GUARDS TO EMBASSY

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 122

1. BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GOVERNMENT
JANUARY 26 FORMALLY NOTIFIED US THAT IT DOES NOT RPT NOT
APPROVE OF THE ASSIGNMENT HERE OF MARINE SECURITY GUARDS.
RELEVANT PORTION OF THE TEXT READS"....AFTER CAREFUL
CONSIDERATION, THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
COULD NOT ACCEDE TO THE REQUEST FOR MARINE SECURITY GUARDS
TO BE POSTED AT THE CHANCERY AT THIS TIME".

2. THIS NATURALLY SUPERSEDES WHAT I HAD FELT TO BE THE
TACIT GOTT APPROVAL FROM MY CONVERSATION WITH THE
FONMIN WHICH I CONVEYED IN REFTTEL.

3. THIS REFUSAL COMES AT THE END OF ALMOST THREE
YEARS OF DIALOGUE WITH THE GOTT ON THIS SUBJECT AND AN
INTENSIVE EFFORT THROUGHOUT 1976 TO WIN APPROVAL.
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THERE IS NO QUESTION BUT THAT OUR REQUEST WAS CON-
SIDERED BY THE PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF AND EARLY
INDICATIONS OF HIS DISTASTE FOR THE IDEA HAVE NOW
BEEN PUT INTO CONCRETE.

4. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE AND IN-
DICATIONS THAT PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS HAS BEEN

DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE GOTT DECISION, BELIEVE I SHOULD CONFRONT HIM DIRECTLY ON THIS ISSUE AND AT LEAST HAVE HIM TELL ME PERSONALLY THE NATURE OF HIS OBJECTIONS. ALSO, I WILL NEED TO REITERATE TO HIM THE ADDITIONAL BURDEN WHICH THIS PLACES ON HIS GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE HERE IN THE ABSENCE OF ARRANGEMENTS BETTER TO PROVIDE FOR OUR OWN SECURITY. FOR THIS CONVERSATION TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO TELL HIM I AM MAKING THESE REPRESENTATIONS UNDER INSTRUCTION SO THAT HE CANNOT SURMISE THAT A NEW ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON WILL BE ANY LESS DILIGENT IN PROVIDING FOR THE SAFETY OF ITS PERSONNEL OVERSEAS. I WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTING ME PERSONALLY TO EXPRESS TO THE PRIME MINISTER OUR DISMAY AT THE DECISION OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND URGING HIS RECONSIDERATION.

5. IN THIS CONNECTION I ALSO RECOMMEND THAT AMBASSADOR MCINTYRE IN WASHINGTON BE CALLED IN BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN TO CONVEY A SIMILAR MESSAGE. AS TO TIMING, HOWEVER, BELIEVE I SHOULD TRY TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS HERE FIRST IN ORDER THAT THE RESULTS THEREOF CAN BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN TALKING TO MCINTYRE. IF I AM UNABLE TO OBTAIN AN APPOINTMENT WITH WILLIAMS IN A REASONABLE TIME (SAY TEN DAYS AFTER REQUEST), THEN I BELIEVE DEPARTMENT SHOULD PROCEED TO CALL IN MCINTYRE DIRECTLY.

6. I WILL AWAIT DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS.
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